Italian Drive on Trieste Is Proceeding Satisfactorily on

ROME, Sept. 18.-The Italians have proken the Austrian third line in the region of Monfalcone, after three days of fierce fighting.

to the sea the new Italian drive on Trieste is proceeding satisfactorily. A whole series of Austrian positions

from Oppacchiasella southward through Pietra Rossa have been carried, and the Austrians driven back to trench positions in the valleys.

Advanced Italian lines are now within

less than thirteen miles of Trieste. Heavy rainstorms have interfered with the progress of the offensive, preventing aerial observation and thus-impeding the artillery attack.

But despite these obstacles Cadorna's

men drove the enemy down the eastern slopes of Hills 144, 298, and several other dominant positions helding up the Italian advance along the Vallone.

RUSSO-ROUMANIANS RETREATING, IS CLAIM

Berlin Says Foe Has Fallen Back Fifty Miles Already.

BERLIN, Sept. 18 .- Russo-Roumanian forces already have retreated more than fifty miles from the Bulgarian frontier, and are falling steadily back on the Cernavoda-Constanza line, where a great battle is expected.

In an attempt to relieve the Teutonic pressure in Dobrudja, the Russians are attacking in force at several places along point, before Halitz, did the Russian attack meet with any success.

The Roumanians have abandoned many guns in their hasty flight before Von Mackensen's forces. German airmen report that the Roumanians are hastily strengthening their lines south of the Cernavoda-Constanza railway, whose capture would practically cut Roumania off from communication with Russia via the Black Sea.

The Austro-Germans continue their retirement in central Transylvanis, and are holding their wings firmly against Roumanian attacks. The Roumanians have been unable to make any progress with their left wing since they occupied Orsova.

Bulgars Are Defeated Near Serbian Border

SALONIKI, Sept. 18.—Serbian troops captured Bulgarian first and secon lines at the village of Kamakchalan, northwest of Ostrovo Lake and near the Serbo-Greek frontier, it was officially

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—"England's blockade has worked an enormous We are having an epidemic of infantile paralysis, and hundreds of babies have died. Many of those lives would have been saved if the powerful disinfectants and wonderful medicines made in Germany could have been brought to this country for use in the plague districts."

This assertion was made last night by Charles P. Steinmetz, electrical wizard. The war, Steinmetz asserts, has not re tarded the development in the electrical field, for necessity has caused the Germans to become more active and make remarkable discoveries.

"England felt," said the electrical wizard, "that the naval blockade would cripple Germany. That is a mistake, and the real sufferer has been America. Consider what it means to the health of the United States to have its supply of drugs, medicines, and disinfectants cut off. There is nothing more essential in fighting a plague than the powerful disinfectants made in Germany. "During the infantile paralysis epi-

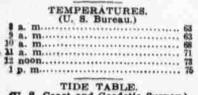
demic, physicians in New York, Philadelphia, and other centers were brought face to face with that problem. The mother who formerly used car-bolic acid in liberal quantities has been bolic acid in liberal quantities has been shut off from a supply, because the price has become prohibitive. I am not a medical man, but am certain that had the blockade been lifted at the beginning of the plague, hundreds of little bables would have been saved." of little bables would have been saved."
Electricity, he believes, is still in its infancy, despite the rapid strides it has made. "It will become so universally used," he said, "that the housewife will wash dishes and clothes, cook the dinper, heat the house, and even sweep the floor electrically. In a few years, huge generating plants will be erected in Philadelphia, and besides supplying the city homes, the current will be carried to every home within a radius of fifty miles.

"By employing electricity in the home, we kill the germs because we destroy or eliminate the causes for germs."

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for District of Columbia— Fair and pleasant weather tonight and tomorrow; gentle, westerly winds, For Maryland—Fair tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler in east portion tonight; probably frost in mountain dis-trict of west portion; generally wester-

For Virginia—Fair tonight and to-morrow; cooler in extreme southeast portion tonight; probably frost in ex-treme west portion; general, variable winds.



TIDE TABLE.
Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
tides—12:23 a. m., height 2.8.
tides—7.15 a. m., height 0.1.
7:31 p. m., height 0.3.

AUSTRIANTHIRDLINE FIGHTING AREA OF SOMME BRITISH JUBILANT



Solid Black Line Indicates Position of Allied Forces When the Offensive Started on July 1. Dotted Line Shows Advanced Positions Now

British Triumphant in Hand-to-Hand Fight With German Soldiers

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Soon after the French and British armies had struck on the Somme front yesterday they were called upon to face desperate counter-attacks from the Germans. The British repulsed every attack made on their new positions, doing heavy execution in the German ranks with artillery fire. The French also repulsed every German attack made on them.

One of the German attacks upon British trenches between Flers and Martinpuich, on the line of the big British gains of Friday, led to a fight of a kind that has not been seen on the western front in many a month—hand-to-hand fighting between thousands of troops in the open.

GERMANS ARE HURLED BACK.

The British won it, throwing back only partly. Never until Saturday night the Germans with heavy losses and in ladd the British held it all. The fighting down the streets, By 6:30 last evening the village on the Somme front.

While desperate counter-attacks from the German bricks and passed over them and walked straight into the midst of a factery runs. From its sides came flashes of fire and a hoat of bulleta, and then it trampled around over the machine guns under its rampled around over the machine guns under its rampled around over the machine guns one of the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under the heavy ribs and killed the machine guns under its heavy ribs armies had struck on the Somme front yesterday they were bricks and passed over them and walked

confusion. The official statement deacribes it thus:

the direction of High wood (Foureaux wood) was met by two of our battalions in the open. Hand-to-hand fighting ensued, in which we were completely successful, the enemy being dispersed and thrown back with heavy losses."

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In all of yesterday's operations the number of prisoners taken by both armies totals just about a thousand. The French took 700 and the British 250. Of these, twenty-one are officers. The British got quantities of rifles and equipment when the Germans fied from the Danube trench.

All accounts agree that the official statement which mentions the abandonment of the rifles and equipment in the Danube trench simply gives point to a condition that has existed on the Somme front recently, the increasingly low morals of the German troops. Soldlers in trenches smashed by British shell fire have run from the following infantry attack in disorder, but seldom before have they abandoned much equipment, as they did.

The British attacks were aimed at Thiepval. Practically all were made just south of the Ancre, at almost the northern extremity of the Somme front. The taking of Mouquet farm and Danube trench puts Thiepval in great danger, as both positions are just east of the town. The gains about Courcelette, still further east, also make Thiepval an uncomfortable position.

Aim to Win High Ground.

Another important aim of the atacks was to cover all the high ground now occupied by the Gerhigh ground was occupied on Friday by the taking of Courcelette, Martinpuich and Flers. From a little north and east of Thiepval the ground slopes down to Grandcourt, where the Germans are strongly intrenched. The British attack that won the Danube trench and Mouquet farm was begun last evening, and continued during the night. The fight for the Danube trench was of the kind that the British Tommy calls "nasty." The trench, in reality a whole system of interlocking trenches, was fortified with all the ingenuity that German engineers could bring to bear.

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Besides the actual intrenchments, approaches, gaps and communication trenches, there were dugouts in great numbers, strongly re-enforced with concrete, sandbags, beams and brick. All the dugouts were connected with subterranean passages, and all the passages prepared against attack. In front of it all was an elaborate system of barbed wire entanglements. British gun fire of tremendous intensity had cut to pieces the barbed wire and smashed parts of the trench labyrinth. Then came the infantry—the official statement does not say whether or not the new armored motor cars, the "tanks," led the way.

Fight Rages for Hours.

Fight Rages for Hours. For hours the fighting raged hand to hand in the trenches, in pitch black passages underground, in the dugouts. Bombs and bayonets were the usual

Bombs and bayonets were the usual weapons once the German machine guns were silenced.

At Mouquet farm, known to British soldiers as "Moccow" farm, the final capture of the main work ended one of the bitterest struggles in the whole Thiepval sector. Here the two armies have grappled for weeks around this strong work, which most of the time the Germans held securely, sometimes

The British won it, throwing back the Germans with heavy losses and in confusion. The official statement decribes it thus:

"Between Flers and Martinpuich an about Thiepval, to the east the British and the British about Thiepval, to the east the British about Thiepval, to the east the British and the British about Thiepval, to the east the British and the British and the British and the British about Thiepval, to the east the British and the British and the British and the British held it all. The fighting was as desperate as any that has taken place on the Somme front.

were increasing their gains still further

day. Another confiagration in the enemy's ammunition dump at Grand-court broke out as the 'result of our fire. Our air service successfully continued its attack upon enemy communications. Another enemy machine was destroyed. Three of our machines are missing."

BLOW DEALT GERMAN JABBERWOK TRADE

Loses Wild Animal Business of East Africa.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Germany's jabber-wok market has hit the skids. "The birds and the beasts were there"

"The birds and the beasts were there" when General Smuts grabbed most of German East Africa and the Kalser's colonials fied.

A blood sweating behe moth doesn't give a darn what flag flies on his hunting ground. Neither does a dik dak or a whiffenpoof or a man eating piffik. So Germany is cut off from her zoological supply.

The first shipload of animals is here from the new British territory today, consigned to E. H. Bostock.

Twenty-five baboons goose-stepped at leash about the decks with still a shadow of German accent in their chatter. Six porcupines with fixed bayonets held a small hollow square, and 400 birds screeched while a pair of secretary

held a small notion square, and an birds screeched while a pair of secretary birds made notes for reference. "The Germans will never regain their animal trade," said Bostock today.

Uninvited Guests Start Shooting at a Party

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—Joseph Pendergast was giving a party to friends in his home, 519 West Forty-eighth street yesterday when two strangers appeared and demanded refreshments. They refused to leave when requested and the guests attempted to eject them. Chairs were used as arguments for a little while, and then some one fired four shots.

Daniel Sullivan, of 512 West Forty-ninth street, was hit in the abdomen. Pendergast and Thomas Doyle, of 236 West Sixty-seventh street suffered scalp wounds. The unwelcome guests fied. Sullivan is at Polyclinic Hospital in a critical condition. Pendergast and Doyle are held as material witnesses.

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Stories of Exploits of Great Fighting Machines on Every Tongue in London.

(Continued from First Page.) answer one could get was "hush, hush," and they have come to be known as

that.

Until they were actually sent into battle, few believed that the rumors about them were anything but fairy stories. But it is different now.

"For they are real," writes Philip Gibbs, in the London Daily Chronicle, from the front, "and I have seen them, walked around them, got inside, their bodies, and looked at their mysterious organs, and watched their monstrous movements.

movements.
"I came across a herd of them in a field, and like a countryman who first saw a giraffe, said: 'Hell, there sin't no such animal.' "Then I sat down on the grass and laughed until the tears came late my eyes (in war one has a funny sense of humor), for they are monstrously comical, like toads of vast size emerging from the primeval slime in the twilight of the world's dawn."

"Felt Awfully Bucked."

"I felt awfully bucked," said a young officer, about five feet high, who was in harge of one machine, "when my beauty ate up her first house, but I was sorry for the house, which was quite a good

When the British soldiers first saw When the British soldiers first saw these strange creatures galloping along the roads and over the old battlefields, taking trenches on the way, they shouted, cheered wildly, and laughed for a day afterward. The troops got out of their trenches, laughing, shouting, cheering again, because the tanks had gone on ahead and were scaring the Germans dreadfully while they moved over their trenches and poured out fire on the German side. These motor monsters had strange adventures and did very good work, justifying their amazing existence.

Over the British trenches in the twi-Over the British trenches in the twilight of dawn one of those motor monsters lurched up and now came crawling forwards to the rescue, cheered by the assaulting troops, who called out words of encouragement to it and laughed so that some men were laughing even when the bullets caught them in their throat. It waddled forward right over the old German trenches, went forward very steadily. There was a silence from the Germans, then suddenly their machine gun fire burst out in nervous spasma, but the tank did not mind. The bullets fell from its sides harmlessly.

It advanced upon a broken wall, leaned up against it heavily until it fell with a crash of bricks, and then rose on to the

Held Up Their Hands.

beyond the ruined village of Cource-lette, which they took on Friday, push-ing down the slope in the direction of Grandcourt and Le Sars.

The British had succeeded in digging "Gott in Himmel," ing down the slope in the direction of Grandcourt and Le Sars.

The British had succeeded in digging themselves in when the counter attacks came. They were heavy, and they were pushed near to the new British lines, but they were repulsed.

"Particularly forces attacking from the direction of Les Boeufs and north of Flers were caught by our artillery barrage, guffering heavy casualties, says the British statement, indicating that the Germans also attacked the positions the British gained on Friday.

"Our artillery was active during the day. Apother confagration in the enemy's ammunition dump at Grandcourt broke out as the result of our fire. Our air service successfully continued its attack upon enemy communications, Another enemy machines was destroyed. Three of our machines are missing."

Now they yould night against such monstrued strough for counter attained strough for celette was a great achievement, skill-fully planned and carried out by splen-fully planned and one monster.

"It was like a fairy tale," said a Cockney boy. 'I can't help laughing every time I think of it." He laughed then, although he had a broken arm and was covered in blood.

"They broke down trees as if they were matchsticks and were over the barricades like elephants. The Boches were thoroughly scared.

"They came running out of their shell-holes and trenches shouting like mad. Some of them attacked the tanks and tried to bomb them, but it wasn't a bit of good. Oh, crickey! it was a rare treat to see the biggest joke that ever was. They just stamped down the German dugouts as one might a wasps' nest."

nest."
One car, or "tank," as the soldfers call them, which took on board a German colonel, who surrendered to it, kept him in it throughout the fighting. Another ambled in on a German battery of field guns and with its machine guns killed the German gunners, who were not able to flee from the grotesque caller.

"Great Hun Victory."

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One car, which went through the main atreet of Flers, had placarded on its sides: "Extra—Full account of the great Hun victory."

A correspondent with the British army says German prisoners freely admitted they were demoralized by

the new cars.
"There was no standing against that sort of thing." said one German officer. "Of course we surrendered those of us who were alive. We fired

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LOANS HORNING

at a tank with our rifles. Our machine, guns turned loose on it. But the bullets were gally blue sparks on the armor. We thought the British slow and stupid. despite their courage and stubbornness, and they gave us a surprise like this."

A column of German prisoners, says the correspondent, passing a "tank" rejoicing in the nickisme of "Creme de Menthe," which had returned from battle and was resting from its labors, spread out their hands and shook their heads as they looked at it exclaiming in a chorus.

"Mein Gogt in himmel, is it under control? Won't it break out and begin firing again? Can we seer forget our first sight of the thing as it came at us out of the morning miet? It isn't war using a piece of machine gunners and blow them out of the infantry can occupy the abandoned enemy positions with comparative ease.

MEETING CALLED

ON EXCHANGE EVIL

Justifies Use of Car.

this a British officer replied: It is quite peaceable and tame
It has just been fed. As for
t being war, it is quite in keepwith The Hague convention,
in the gas attack at Ypres was

which the gas attack at Ypres was not."

The construction of these new and formidable engines of war has been lealously guarded and must, for obvious reasons, still remain a mystery. Designed as they are to traverse the most difficult and chaotic country and to sweep away all obstacles in their path, they are of large size, with caterpillar wheels constructed to cover the widest trench or shell hole and to enable the vehicle to tackle almost any death of mire.

The car looks like an enormous armadillo. The crew is protected by varying numbers of armored plates, any one of which is impervious to machine gun or rifle fire as well as shrapnel bullets. It is asserted that only a direct hit from a gun of large caliber could put one of these monsters out of action.

While from a defensive point of view they are almost perfect, their offensive qualities are even superior, and when they have cleared a trench of the enemy or forced the survivors into the shelter of their dugouts these land ships have another little surprise in store for the beaten enemy about which perhaps it were wise not to say any more.

May Be Big Factor.

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These "tanks," as the Tommies call hem, are a product of Britain entirely war may go far toward determining the final result. Apart from the results of their fire at close range the moral effect of the appearance and compare tive invulnerability of these welre monsters upon an enemy already bewildered and dazed by thousands of high

explosive shells is obvious.

Most of the great engineering works of England can claim a share in their production. The cars are built in parts in different factories in order to preserve the secret of their construction. They are then assembled at a central factory under supervision of experts of the armored car division.

A great virtue of this weapon in war is that it lessenes very considerably the

tail Merchants' Association will mee at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening in the neadquarters of the organization to discuss methods of correcting what the merchants term the "returned goods

ing to solve. In many communities the medical fraternity has co-operated and pointed out the danger of spreading contagious diseases.

Havre de Grace Race Entries for Tomorrow

First race—For two-year-olds; selling; five and a half furlongs. Scylla, 106; Giltter, 107; Doc Meals, 199; "Glanaginty, 107; Ed Garrison, 108; Velour, 109; Kilkenny, 104; "Sky, 105.

Second race—Maidens; six furlongs; three-year-olds and up. Beau of Menlo, 115; Sepoct, 112; Porin, 115; Old Scout (1mp.), 115; Alberta True, 112; Friar Nought, 115; Tantivity, 112; Wizard, 115; Were Wolf (1mp.), 115; Past Master, 116.

Third race—Will close later. Third race-Will close later. Fourth race—All ages; handicap; one mile and a sixteenth. Malachite, U7; Sangallo, 109; Eagle, 106; Sandmark (Imp.) 106.

Fifth race—For two-year-olds; and a half furiongs. Woodtrap. Warsaw, 115; Green Tree, 115; Baily, Daddy Long Legs, 115; Jack Carl, Capital Prize, 106; Beautiful Morn, Triple Crown, 112; Polonium (imp.), i Merchant, 109.

Sixth race—For three-year-olds and up; selling; mile and a sixteenth. Maxim's Choice, 115; Valas, 114; Hide Tide, 111; Pay Streak, 114; Rosewater, 102; Naushon, 114; Daingerfield, 113; Flag Day, 114; Tamerlane, 118; Eddie T., 109; Menlo Park, 106.

Capital Traction Co. Officials Contend He Exceeded Soops of Utilities Inquiry.

With Andrew Sangster, chief ac ant of the valuation bureau on the stand, the hearing on the valuation Company was resumed by Public Utilities Commission today.

Mr. Sangster was examined by Ham, yice president, and S. R. Be secretary of the company, as to his ethods of arriving at the cost of cernation of certain property values.

nation of certain property values.

The contention of the company is that Mr. Sangster should have gone no further in his accounting work than to prepare and present a historical report of the company's properties as shown by the books, but that instead he has excluded a number of items so as to show only the cost of existing properties.

Mr. Sangster's testimony probably will occupy the remainder of the week. He will be followed by Charles L. Pillsbury, chief accountant of the Valuation Bureau.

STREET WORK BIDS TO OPEN TOMORROW

New Contract Calls For Expenditure of \$300,000.

Bids for paving streets and avenues. provided for under the District appropriation bill, with sheet asphalt and asphalt block will be opened at

and asphalt block will be opened at the District building tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The contract calls for the expenditure of approximately \$300,000. It is expected work will be begun about October 1. The asphalt block contract at present is held by the Washington Asphalt Block Company and the sheet asphalt by the Warner-Quinlan Company, of Syracuse, N. Y. Bids have been received for the laying of cement sidewalks. The lowest bidder is William F. Cush, of Washington. About \$100,000 will be expended in the work.

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